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Dear Bruce,

Since arriving in FBIS a year ago, I have frequently had brought to my attention the point that a number of NFAC analysts seem uncertain or confused about how to take advantage of FBIS' resources. To be sure, there is a good deal of communication--formal and informal--between many NFAC analysts and our linguists, editors, and media analysts. But I have the strong impression from comments I hear that much of the analysts' knowledge of FBIS is gained in a catch-as-catch-can way. This applies particularly to means of tasking FBIS.

It may well be that FBIS could assist NFAC more than we do now. If you agree that it would be worthwhile to do something to help analysts become more aware of FBIS resources, I would suggest the following: that the NFAC Office Directors explicitly encourage analysts to visit their counterparts in FBIS for informal discussions and familiarization. This could probably be done best by arranging for individuals, or small groups at the NFAC branch level, to visit Key Building. Arrangements could be made through [] Chief of the Liaison and Requirements Branch [] and his staff.

If this or some other approach makes sense to you, please let me know.

Yours truly,

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